

WORLD OF RADIO #1240, produced August 3, 2004 by Glenn Hauser

- \*What this program is all about explained to new listeners: short wave is the band between AM and FM, with routine worldwide coverage; figures are kHz dial positions or frequencies of SW stations. Times are in 24 hour system, u.o.s. in UT or GMT, the international standard, a reliable way of conveying this info. Become familiar with how UT relates to your local time
- \*Glad to add more outlets, including webcasters; now heard on ACBRadio Mainstream UT Fridays every two hours starting at 0200; ACB = American Council for the Blind but sighted listeners are also welcome; go to <http://www.acbradio.org> for links to this and other streams
- \*ACB programming also via phone in UK: choose option 1 after calling local rate number 0845 333-0855
- \*WOR is also back on WRMI Miami, UT Mondays 0230, on 7385, but due to interference problem changing shortly to 6870 aimed NW across NAM; also applies to Viva Miami or Voice of NASB UT Sun 0230, and DX Partyline 0300; UT Monday 0300 AWR Wavescan
- \*WOR and the others also filling available time elsewhen on WRMI: M-F 0900-0930, Thu 0930-1000, M-F 1000-1100 on 9955; Sun 1200-1300, 2130-2200 15725; 2230-2300 9955
- \*Broadcasting Board of Governors pleased with 9/11 report, page 377 saying BBG should get more money for international broadcasting, especially to Moslem world
- \*Alan Heil wrote in Daily Star, Beirut, ``Let the VOA Speak Arabic Once Again``. Money is being spent in wrong way, abolishing existing VOA services, even cutting back English to secondary
- \*Tho IMER abolished XERMX on SW, it is beefing up big border station XERF in Ciudad Acuna; authorized 250 kW, but has been 18 or 30 kW for several years. Now announcing 100 kW, and dominating 1570 as far away as Oregon, Australia; would make too much sense to put former XERMX English programming on XERF
- \*Spurs from 13750 in Costa Rica: 13734.5, 13765.5, 13781, 13797
- \*R. Apintie, Suriname, back after several months, on 4989.97, since July 30, all night, better signal than before
- \*Venezuelan sporadically active SW stations back lately: 4830, Radio Tachira July 31 at 2216-2231 with sports; 4939.4, Radio Amazonas until 0130\* with Chavez speech
- \*Station on 4959.97 at 0338 in Spanish as ``107.3 FM, La Voz de la Ruta`` must be R. Federacion, Sucua, Ecaudor, relaying FM station
- \*La Voz de Saquisili, Radio El Libertador, Ecuador, 4899.8, reactivated July 31 heard in Colombia as late as 1300
- \*Radio Cielo, Chiclayo, Peru, pirate, active at 1200 on 6723.98
- \*unID on 5119.91 at 0220 is Radio Ondas del Suroriente, Quillabamba, Peru until 2345-0105\* on 5119.4, claims 5060
- \*On 4751.82 at 2300 is Radio Huanta 2000, Huanta, Peru, ex-4747
- \*Radio A Voz do Coracao Imaculado, Anapolis, Goias, Brasil, is back on

4885, heard at 2200, 2020; few IDs with uninterrupted Catholic programming

- \*R. Alvorada de Londrina, another Catholic Brazilian, reactivated 4865
- \*R. Guaruja, Sao Paulo, heard testing on 3230
- \*R. Difusora do Amazonas, 4805, Manaus schedule: 0930-1330, 1500-0100
- \*Two Uruguay SW stations claim they are on the air, tho inaudible in Montevideo: 6055, R. Universo, Castillos with 17 watts; on 6155, Banda Oriental, Sarandi del Yi, only at 0130-0300
- \*No sign of V. of New Sudan, southern Sudan on 9310 yet, with new 50 kW transmitter; engineer says they have tested, but off again awaiting replacement parts, and may return in a few weeks on 9485 since most radios there won't tune below 9400
- \*The non-commercial, non-communist, not-corporate, non-Christian media show, World of Radio 1240; P O Box 1684, Enid, OK 73702 or woradio at yahoo.com Much more, especially DX Listening Digests, at <http://www.worldofradio.com>
- \*Thanks this week for financial support go to Jim Wishner
- \*R. Rhino International, from Germany to Uganda, went on hiatus in April or May, came back July 12, 17870 M-F 1500-1530 in English; but heard at 1552, so probably a full hour instead as before
- \*V. of Africa, Libya, has strong new signal on 1449 kHz at 2305, News in English at 0024, 2035. May replace low-powered, and/or moved from 1251; English times approximately: 1820, 1920, 2030, 2120, 2230, 2330, 0020, 0120, 0215, 0310
- \*Rai was supposed to close down LW 189 kHz from Sicily, but it is still heard as of July 17, the only longwave broadcaster in Italy
- \*Bob Zanotti's new web station, <http://www.switzerlandinsound.com> is active since August 1; we heard his show reuniting with Bob Thomann
- \*SRI running a new farewell English show each week, starting on Saturdays not only at <http://www.swissinfo.org> but also on SW: 0730 13650 15445 21770; 0830 21770; 1730 13750 15515 17870; 1930-2030 11815 13645 13795 15220; 2330 9885 11905; mostly Germany or Switzerland sites, except 15220, 11905 via French Guiana
- \*R. Slovakia Internatinonal announced July 25 it will remain on SW thru 2004, and try for more funding to continue beyond then
- \*R. Kontynent, Ukraine, shut down in March for carrying RFE/RL and BBC: ex-director has refugee status in USA; hopes to return to Ukraine with a new president and government
- \*Temporary oddity in Netherlands, on 1725 kHz, radio art project, 20 very low power SSB transmitters; walk around listening 1000-1800 UT until Aug [not July] 3 in Arnhem, 5-9 in Appeldorn, 10-15 Nijmegen: Radio Scape <http://www.evdh.net/radioscape.html>
- \*Change of leadership at BBC World Service: Richard Sambrook is new head, reassigned from BBC news after criticism, claims not a demotion, as of Sept. Helen Boaden takes over as head of BBC News, ex-controller of BBC Radio 4 and BBC7
- \*``World Disservice`` commentary in Sunday Times: BBC audience research admits the majority of listeners no longer trust WS to

provide unbiased news

- \*R. Six International, Glasgow, Scotland, now on WBCQ daily at 2300-2400 on 5105, different musical program and other features each evening; repeating later in August on same day of week; unfortunately 5105 does not penetrate very far west in summer
- \*R. Joystick, on WRMI 9955, 0900 on first Saturdays such as August 7, adding Latvia 100 kW 9290 at exactly same time
- \*Thessaloniki station in Greece sees no prospect for putting 250 kW transmitters given Greece by VOA into use in near future
- \*Azerbaijan's English broadcast time is really 1700-1730 on 6111 and 1295, not 1800 on 6110 and 1296; very weak on SW
- \*Israel to switch time of English news on domestic service as it moves from one network to another to: 0330, 0930, 1730 UT from Aug 1 -- but restraining order delayed this until Aug 8; maybe delayed further? External English to remain at 1900; frequency changes for others unknown
- \*New US SW transmitter in Kuwait finally on air from July 9 with VOA and R. Free Afghanistan, including English: 2030-2230 11835, 2230-2330 11935, 2330-2430 11995
- \*Salaam Watandaar, to Afghanistan, new SW broadcasts to continue only until Sept 15, 1330-1500 17700 via UK; 0130-0300 11795 via UAE, not Russia
- \*Thales press release says new 100 kW SW transmitter going to Bangladesh, and another to India; the latter may go on to Afghanistan as part of Indian aid
- \*No sign yet of R. Kiribati back on 9825, as monitored on Oahu
- \*CBC Radio One and Two have Acadian theme programs first half of August, see <http://www.cbc.ca/acadian>
- \*Rejected by NPR, Bob Edwards will start own show on XM Satellite Radio from Oct 4 as part of new public radio channel there
- \*Liberal talkhost Mike Malloy now on Air America, weekdays 0207-0459 UT Tue-Sat
- \*Paul Harris, St. Louis talk host, moved from KTRS to KMOX, now M-F 1900-2300 UT
- \*Another New Mexico public radio station now streams: KSFR from Santa Fe. See <http://www.ksfr.org>
- \*Clear Channel says it will phase in so-called high definition radio at the rate of 100 AM/FM stations per year
- \*Broadband via powerlines terminated in Penn Yan, New York; ARRL says international and federal regulations absolutely require BPL to eliminate all harmful interference to hams and other licensed radio services
- \*Propagation outlook from Boulder July 27: flux range 80-125
- \*And so concludes yet another World of Radio; this was number 1240. I'm Glenn Hauser and I do hope you'll listen again next week ###